



*De Ark*  
GUEST HOUSE  
BED & BREAKFAST



★★★★



De Ark Guesthouse is situated close to the CBD of Lydenburg, next to two museums. A place of historical interest, being the first parsonage of the Dutch Reformed Church built by the Voortrekkers, this boutique style guest house offers 14 en-suite rooms, with safe on-site parking.

De Ark Guesthouse offers 5 different venues where guests can relax: i.e. The Rum & Roses Verandah, Noah@DeArk Restaurant with an a la carte menu, Fiddler-on-the-Roof tented rooftop Bar and function venue, the Bonaparte Theatre – where shows and conferences are hosted and a cosy English Pub, The Fickle Fox where guests can experience what local is.

De Ark Guesthouse also offers laundry facilities, an on-site hair salon – Hair Lab @ De Ark, a swimming pool. De Ark guesthouse offers 3 staff units – 6 bedrooms – en-suite with kitchens and living areas, which can easily be transformed into guest rooms. De Ark Guesthouse has a staff complement of 13 people: Front Office – 3; Back of House - 6; F&B - 2

Each year average 4500 visitors come to De Ark Guesthouse to visit either the beautiful Panorama Route and places of interest, or the mines in the area. On average visitors spent over R2.1 million per annum on lodging and food at De Ark Guesthouse.

De Ark Guesthouse's owner, Francis le Roux, has an extensive business background, including over 15 years of experience as an interior decorator for the Cresta Hotel Group in Botswana. She also played a big part in rural development in Botswana – amongst others she manufactured and supplied the Botswana Government with donkey trolleys from her own factory. She also still owns a dormant business, Protek Distributors, which specialized in water supplies. She is engaged to Bernie Engelbrecht, an Industrial Engineer (this implies that De Ark has free access to specialised consulting skills, which includes project management, business process management and operational excellence)





## *Overview*





# OUR MISSION

- We are an establishment committed to integrity, honesty and a passion for quality and innovation
- We have team members who love the human race, are energetic, smile and are proud of their workplace
- We support an environment that allows our team members to grow personally, professionally and financially
- We create positive, memorable experiences for all our guests
- We work hard and have fun in the work place
- Since NO guest should leave De Ark Guesthouse unhappy, it is essential that the art of service recovery be considered on a daily basis by our daily mission: LEARN – Listen, Empathize, Apologize, React, Notify
- Become the Number One destination on the Panorama Route





## Our Team Members



- **ENERGETIC:** Lively, enthusiastic and fast moving.
- **SHOW THEIR TEETH:** Smile, Smile, Smile.
- **PRIDE:** Work hard and work together to create a community.
- **MEMORABLE EXPERIENCES:** Our guests must be spoiled!!!
- **FUN:** Our environment fosters laughter, happiness, play, humour and creativity.
- **PROFIT:** Belief that our company's profitability drives our growth.
- Team members are our partners.
- Team members profit financially and personally





# THE NATURE OF OUR BUSINESS

DE ARK GUESTHOUSE's mission is to enrich the lives of our guests, our employees and owners. We do this through superior quality food and beverages, legendary customer service, sales growth, cost controls and treating our employees like family. We believe that our employees are our most important resource and our success depends upon creating and retaining a staff capable of delivering an exceptional experience to every customer, every time.

Our ESTABLISHMENT can only prosper and provide opportunities for employment and growth when we continually improve ourselves, and the work we do. We recognize however, that success is not measured by sales; guest counts, and numbers alone. We are measured as much by the way in which we achieve our goals, as we are by the actual achievements themselves. We believe that a commitment to uncompromising values and integrity should always guide our decisions and actions as we pursue our goals.



# WHAT MAKES US DIFFERENT?

- We host monthly Arts & Cultural Shows
- We host an annual Boutique Arts Festival
- We are in the process of registering as a satellite training academy specifically to provide skills to previously disadvantaged people
- We do event planning
- We do weddings
- We do conferences
- We have our own, pub, restaurant & tea garden plus an on site hair studio
- We give staff accommodation – a one bedroom staff flat, a 2 bedroom flat and a 3 bedroom staff flat

We aim to...

Deliver! Excite! Smile! Inspire! Recognize! Empathize! Surprise!





Our guests are welcomed individually  
by name and throughout their  
stay with us are treated like  
valued visitors in a private home ...

### INFORMATION

An extended stay at De Ark will provide you access to some of the most spectacular attractions the Mpumalanga province has to offer - including the Panorama Route, the Sabie Forestry Areas and the Kruger National Park.

### FOUR STARS

De Ark Guest House has been graded by the Tourism Grading Council of South Africa, in the category for guest houses, and received a total of four stars for service excellence and unsurpassed luxury.

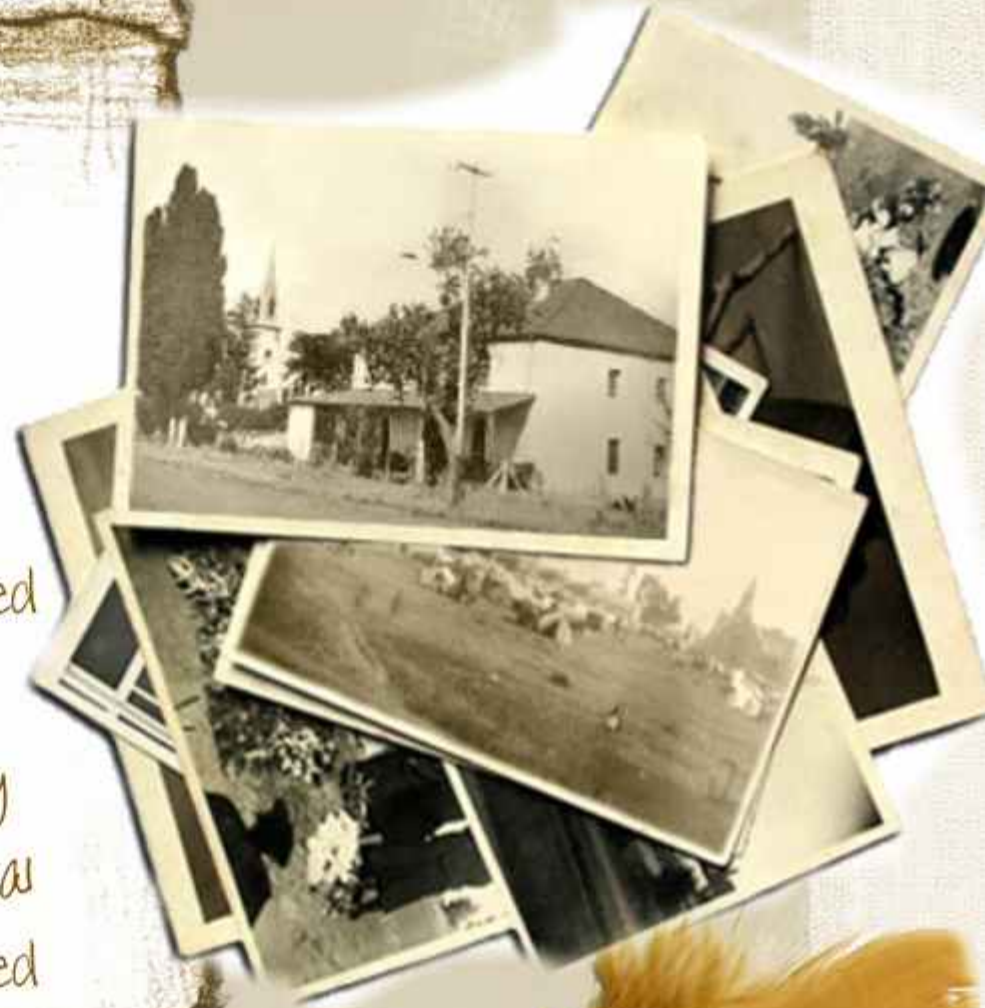


TOURISM GRADING COUNCIL  
OF SOUTH AFRICA



De Ark House dates back to 1857,  
which makes it one of the oldest  
remaining buildings in Lydenburg.  
In 1893 it was converted into a double  
storey, as it was expected of the parson's  
wife to accommodate catechumen who stayed  
far in the district.

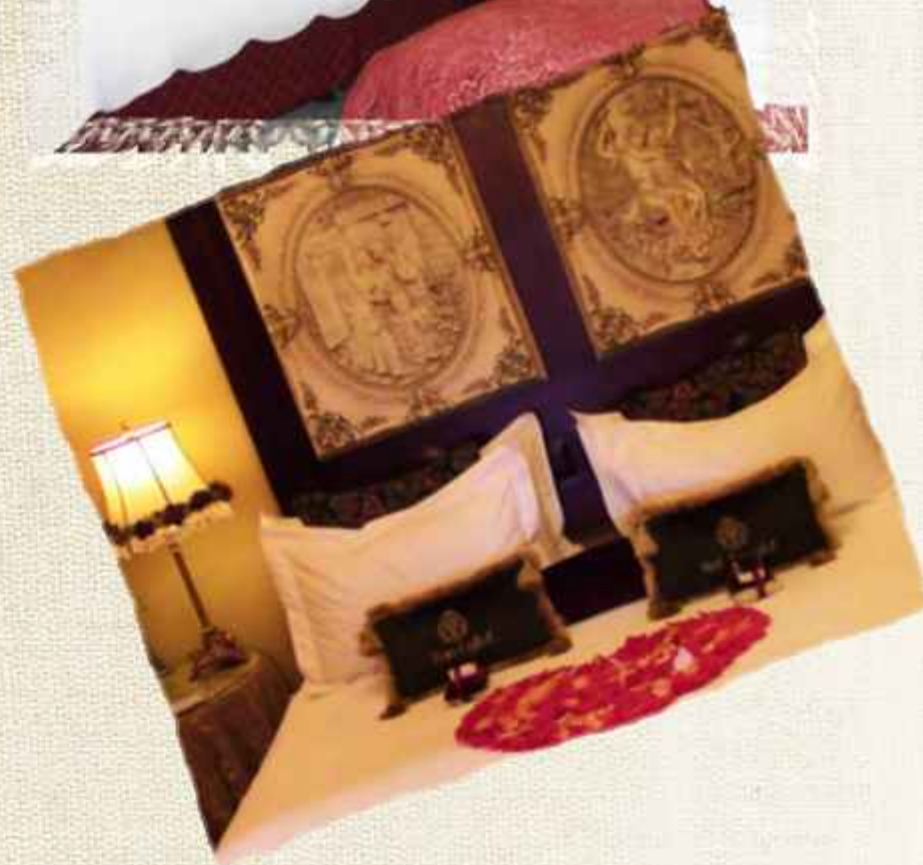
This delightful old house has been lovingly  
restored and tastefully decorated to reveal  
the timelessness of a bygone era combined  
with luxury.





## ACCOMMODATION

De Ark offers a combination of self-catering and bed-and-breakfast services. We can currently accommodate up to 28 people sharing.





All rooms are decorated in  
period styles, reminiscing an era gone by

Gothic

Edwardian

Renaissance

Tudor

French Toile

Baroque

Victorian

Georgian

Louis XVI

Gone Fishing

Gone Hunting

On the Green

In the Library







Venues







# The Bonaparte Theatre

The Bonaparte Theatre is located on the first floor of the Ark Guesthouse, with a lovely view of the swimming pool and tea garden. The venue is equipped for performances such as cabaret, product launches, fashion shows, poetry, ~~on~~man shows, small bands, film shows, dinner functions, parties, farewells as well as conferences and wedding receptions. The venue is equipped with a complete PA system.

The Bonaparte Theatre aims to provide a platform for artists of all genres from amateur to professional. Visitors to the theatre can expect to see performers up close and experience their talents in a relaxing and intimate environment.

This unique theatre is destined to become the preferred location for cultural events in Lydenburg.





Culture







From a banquet to the blues, from a luxury lounge to a rock show - it's all happening on the top floor of De Ark Guesthouse - the most recent town experience! .

Rooftop function venues in South Africa are becoming the distinguishing feature of many buildings countrywide. Rooftop venues are fast gaining popularity with corporates and have become the latest trend in function and event planning.

This tented rooftop venue is versatile and ideal for private and corporate parties, product launches, events, weddings and experiences - with its capacity influenced by its set up, specified by the client. The tented roof is big enough to host up to 130 people for a sit -down dinner.

- **Catering** - The venue can facilitate any style of catering, from a plated meal, buffet and cocktail parties to a barbeque;
- **Bar** - Fully licensed, the venue can cater for all your bar requirements.

Ideal to unwind with sundowners, with the wily old Fiddler - on-the-Roof guarding the entrance and just maybe ... you might hear a violin and a deep voice echoing..."If I were a rich man..."

- A venue from where people can enjoy a bird's -eye view of the town in a chic atmosphere;
- A one-of-a-kind event venue.



Noah@DeArk  
(Dining in Style)





If you're searching for good food served in a relaxed, charming, cozy, friendly environment, you have arrived. Noah @ De Ark has been serving delicious food from our three-course a la carte menu since 2007. To complete the taste sensation, a well-balanced wine list includes wines to complement any dish.

**Our sumptuous breakfast starts at 6:30.**

Step into Noah @ De Ark and you're welcomed by a friendly waiter who will take your order. The restaurant with its elegant decor and beautiful paintings, represent the British Colonial era and is a natural continuation of the overall design concept of the guest house. Noah @ De Ark is located at the front of De Ark Guesthouse. The capacity of the restaurant comprises of 30 seats and is suitable for business meetings, corporate occasions and extravagant personal celebrations.

During the summer months the restaurant is connected with a veranda, where you can enjoy your meal or taste our wonderful cappuccino or a refreshing drink, taking advantage of our wonderful South African summer climate.

Relive the times of old when royalty and the noblemen of the court dined together in front of the crackling fire. Join us for an evening of decadence, a tantalising fare prepared by our resident chef, great music and a distinctly unique ambience with family and cherished friends ...

**Mondays to Saturdays From 18:30**

**Call (013) 235 1125 To Make A Reservation**



# The Fickle Fox



The Fickle Fox is a traditional English style pub, serving pub grub. A cozy pub, a pint to sip, a convivial atmosphere to enjoy and a plate of wholesome food to tuck into.

We also offer a diverse array of musical entertainment. Whether your taste runs to blues, rock, country, folk, reggae, DJs or even karaoke, The Fickle Fox has at least one night of music per week for you.

When you walk through that door, you're a stranger no more - you're among friends at The Fickle Fox!

Come see what's local at your local!

Cheers!





# English Pub









# Rum & Roses Verandah











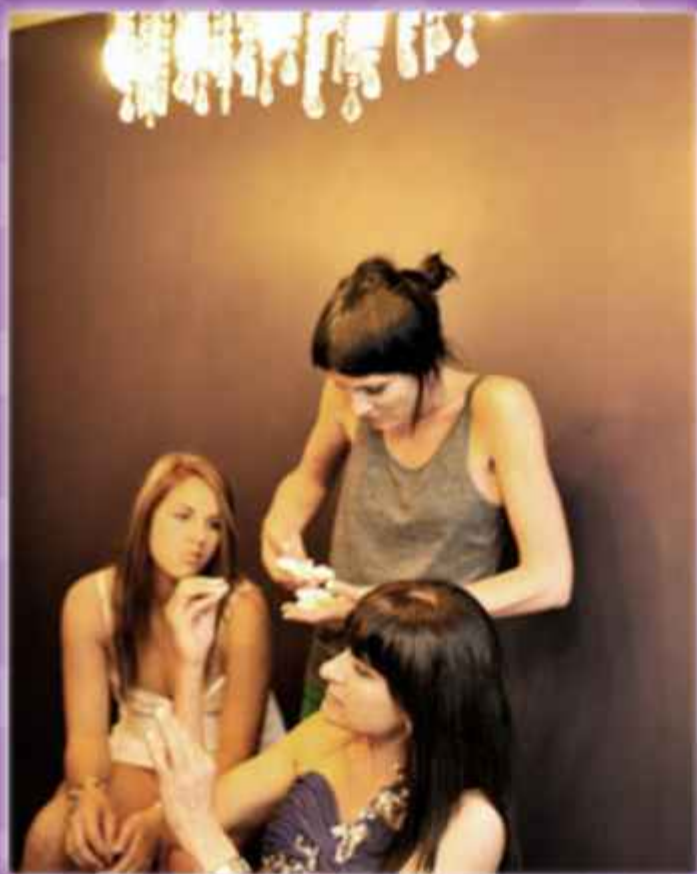
Morning and Afternoon Tea in the Rose Garden was a favourite pastime of the ladies in a time long forgotten. A time when everyone gathered was completely free to talk amongst each other - the conversations safely guarded by beautifully tended rose hedges, where gossip included everyone but Her Royal Majesty ...

It is also in this spirit that we cordially invite you to The Rambling Rose Victorian Tea Garden. Enjoy a cup of the finest tea, expertly brewed coffee or a refreshing homemade iced tea in the secluded Rose Garden. Or sit back and relax in the exquisite Tea Room, with a crackling fireplace for those chilly mornings. Indulge in a variety of light meals suited for every palate, and let the surroundings take you back to the time when tea was a grand affair between the roses ...









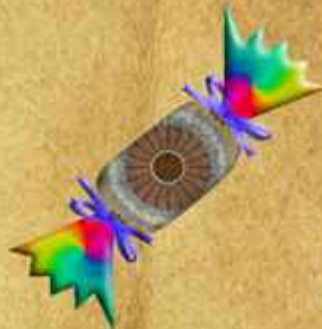




Themed Parties







FUN





Seen at Fiddler-on-the-Roof...



Bier-Proe oor die Kole...









# De Ark *Kunste fees*

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Radio Kalahari Orkes



DADA-FM

Valiant Swart

"Die Flooze"

2-15 November 2014

De Ark Gastehuis, 37 Kantoor Straat, Lydenburg

Kontak : (013) 235 1125 / Francis : (083) 304 0620

[www.dearkguesthouse.co.za](http://www.dearkguesthouse.co.za)

In samewerking met  
**Steelburger**  
by Lydenburg



SA's very first boutique arts festival to shake up the highveld town of Lydenburg in Mpumalanga! Great excitement is palpable in art circles in Lydenburg (and surrounds) since it became known that a local business woman, Francis le Roux and veteran music producer/composer and vocalist Dirk Uys combined forces to host Lydenburg's first ever arts festival! The festival is organised in conjunction with "Steelburger", the local newspaper.

The De Ark Arts Festival spans two weeks between Sunday, 2 November and Saturday, 15 November 2014. What makes this event unique is that the entire festival takes place under one roof, at the premises of De Ark Guesthouse, 37 Kantoor Street, Lydenburg. The festival offers a programme packed with diverse arts (in Afrikaans and English) and caters to a broad audience, old and young. It incorporates music, theatre, cabaret, dance, film, poetry, art exhibitions, writers and book/panel discussions and is complimented with a fabulous wine tasting.

The festival kicks off with a praise and worship service on Sunday, 2 November with the legendary "Briel Family" leading the proceedings. The following day all the senior citizens of the town get treated to a free show : "Relive the Romance of an Era gone by". The event consists of a selection of classic love songs from the 1940's and 50's, performed by local singer and cellist Jan Neethling.

The ladies of Lydenburg are in for a treat! Excellent entertainment in the form of music and cabaret. First-off is the side-splitting antics of well known Afrikaans actress, Sorina with her hilarious cabaret "Die Flooze". Also on the programme is the "Femme Rock Fest", a combination of 3 strong individual groups. The excellent musicianship of all-female rock group "Saarkie" from Pretoria with their original and powerful performance will rock the night. Added to the excitement is The Girls of Rock Tribute (Janis Joplin, Stevie Nicks, Bonnie Tyler, Suzi Quatro, Cher and more) performed by the colourful JQ Joopiter. To round off the evening the mysterious "Svengali Project" will take to the stage with their trademark sardonic lyrics and haunting melodies.



Poets get their turn at the "Oopmond Poetry Slam" with published poets such as Danie Marais and Ronel Nel teaming up with songwriters like Valiant Swart, Rian Malan and Chrisman Baard. The poets take on each other in teams in a competition to produce poems and songs with the audience nominating the themes within a predetermined time limit. The audience will decide which team wins in the end. Indeed great fun for all lovers of words!





A talk on the Anglo Boer War (ABO), presented by Marius Bakkes from Lowveld Media, will focus on battles that took place in the area. The talk will be complimented by haunting songs from Rian Malan and Lani Pieters.

An intimate solo performance by the famous Valiant Swart makes up part of the programme. Catch Valiant live with his popular show : "Dreams, sketches and travels". He will also be performing around the swimming pool with a band of friends (Die Lewensredders) on the weekend. Bookings are essential to secure tickets to his shows.

A panel discussion "Afrikaanse Kuns – Quo Vadis?" will be presented by Dirk Uys. The panel will include senior academics, writers, poets, musicians, journalists and movie makers. The entire discussion will be Skyped to journalists nationwide, who can then participate in the discussion and pitch questions to the various panel members.



The first weekend of the festival ends with De Ark Rock Fest, featuring musicians and bands such as Joe F. Saarkie, Niel van Deventer, Chrisman Baard and the Svengali Project. Guaranteed fun comes in the form of "CocoXotica", a tropical pool-party outfit guaranteed to bring revellers loads of song, dance and laughs on the Saturday night with their mixture of reggae, ska and funk.

Drama comes in the explosive package of "Happy" (The Story of Happy Sindane), a one-man play written and directed by the acclaimed Charles J Fourie. It tells the dramatic story of Happy Sindane, skillfully performed by Jarrod Geduld from Cape Town.



An art exhibition, "Nostalgia" by local painters and sculptors form an important part of the festival, giving these talents a chance to promote and sell their work. A wine tasting, in conjunction with the Lydenburg and Nelspruit Wine Guilds will be conducted on the premises. Details will be released in the Steelburger and Lowvelder newspapers.

The festival ends with fantastic, original bushmen music in the form of "The Radio Kalahari Orkes", fronted by the charismatic actor and singer Ian Roberts. Also expect some lively, tropical beach music in the shape of DADA-FM (Dirk Ace and Da Faith Machine). Their music is an infectious mix of island style reggae, ska, dub, punk and rock peppered with Ace's sharp, satirical social commentary.

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"NOSTALGIA" - Kunsuitstalling deur plaaslike kunstenaars vir die duur van die fees by Noah @ De Ark Restaurant

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**Steelburger**



# Events



*Dan Pallansky*

LIVE - SOLO ACOUSTIC - SOUTH AFRICA

14 AUGUST DE ARK GUESTHOUSE,  
LYDENBURG

Tickets

Show - R120 pp

Soup & Sherry - R50 pp

Total: R170 pp



**"A STUNNING TRIBUTE TO DIRE STRAITS"**

FEATURING **MEL BOTES** & HIS BAND  
**SULTANS OF SWING**

**FRIDAY**  
**18 SEPT**

**DE ARK GUESTHOUSE**  
37 KANTOOR STREET, LYDENBURG

BOOKINGS: 013 2351125  
info@dearkguesthouse.co.za

TIME: 20:00  
TICKETS: R120 PP





*Please join us for a Sunday Matinee in the company of*

*Rocco de Villiers*  
*on the piano*



*Sunday, 1 Nov*

*Time: 16:00 pm*

*Tickets: R250 pp*

*(Includes wine & Canape's)*



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37 Kantoor Street, Lydenburg

Bookings online at [www.dearkevents.co.za](http://www.dearkevents.co.za)  
or

013 2351125 / 083 3040 620

**Dress Code: Smart (No Jeans)**



*De Ark*

presents / bied aan

**ARTS FESTIVAL / KUNSTEFEEES**

*"where art comes to life!"*

DIE STREWE NA

**GELUK**

THE PURSUIT OF

**HAPPY**

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**02 - 11 OCTOBER 2015**

**RADIO KALAHARI ORKES.**

**BEESKRAAL JANNIE DU TOIT.**

**GERT VLOK NEL. ANDRIES BEZUIDENHOUT.**

**BACCHUS NEL. STEFAN STEYN. KLAUS LOUIS.**

**SCARLET. DIE LAEVELDERS. Dirk ace. Marius Bakkes.**

**Antoinette Wilson. Gerda Whitehorn.**

**Dis ek, Anna - Film - Mpumalanga Premiere  
met Charlené Brouwer & Neil van Deventer.**

**STRICTLY COME DANCING.**

**Altus Theart - "Dis hoe n man se kop werk."**

**BRIGADIER PIET BYLEVELDT. NIC GROBLER.**

**ART EXHIBITION & ART WORKSHOP.**

**STYLIST - TREVOR CONN, AMANDA CAMACHO**

**MUSIC | DANCING | DRAMA | FILM PREMIERE | POETRY SLAM | ARTS**

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De Ark Kunstefees / Arts Festival | Lydenburg- Mpumalanga | 02- 12 October 2015

Our Theme This Year: The Pursuit of Happiness | Die Strewe na Geluk

De Ark Kunstefees: Where Art Comes to Life!

VIEW OUR CALENDER | BOOK NOW! | FULL PROGRAMME

Is there anything more personal, more elusive than what it is to be happy? The 2015 De Ark Arts Festival "The Pursuit of Happiness" will explore the many sources of happiness, through our different productions staged.

Discover artists who found their own answers to the age-old question : "What makes life worth living?"

The 2015 Arts Festival promises to be a breathtaking, playful and joyous journey, in search of that most mysterious of treasures.

Our Facilities/Services : Guarded parking ,Food, Fun rides, Exhibitors, Dancing, Music, Drama, Film, Bridal Expo, World Cup Rugby Braai, Big Screen rugby, Work shops, The Art of Film, Sculpture & Drama, Daily Open Mic – Talent competition, Kids Entertainment.

Picture This : Discounted Package for 3 or more shows!





# STAGE DOOR























The Film Workshop will be presented by Niel van Deventer, producer of the multi award ed movie, Dis Ek, Anna. Auditions will be held after the lectures and the winner will be given a support role in a new children's adventure movie which will be filmed at De Ark Guesthouse early next year, Ngwenyama's Tears.

Niel van Deventer is a producer and actor, known for Anderkant Gister (2012), Dis Ek, Anna (2015) and Suurlemoen! (2014).





## 2016 Events

Visit our Events website for regular updates

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March: Announcement of the Film School winner (Drama night)

April: Gatby Wedding Feast

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June : Kaggelfees

June/July: Movie shoot at the Guest House – Nwenyama's Tears. Director: Jacqui Brits

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October School Holidays: 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual De Ark Arts Festival





# Weddings



*Fees van die Lewe*



